

**South Carolina Department of Corrections  
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY1996 - FY2001**

|  | Year of Release                    |               |               |               |               |               |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | FY 1996                            | FY 1997       | FY 1998       | FY 1999       | FY 2000       | FY 2001       |
| <b>Total Number of Releases</b>                      | <b>9,092</b>                       | <b>10,547</b> | <b>10,927</b> | <b>10,969</b> | <b>11,165</b> | <b>11,673</b> |
| <b>Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:</b> | Recidivism Rate by Year of Release |               |               |               |               |               |
|  | FY 1996                            | FY 1997       | FY 1998       | FY 1999       | FY 2000       | FY 2001       |
| Within One Year or Less                              | 11.7%                              | 10.1%         | 10.0%         | 9.4%          | 10.0%         | 11.9%         |
| Within Two Years or Less                             | 24.0%                              | 22.6%         | 20.9%         | 20.4%         | 22.1%         | 24.3%         |
| Within Three Years or Less                           | 32.3%                              | 30.2%         | 28.0%         | 27.6%         | 29.3%         | 32.0%         |
| Within Four Years or Less                            | 36.3%                              | 34.4%         | 33.1%         | 32.4%         | n/a           | n/a           |
| Within Five Years or Less                            | 39.3%                              | 38.1%         | 36.7%         | n/a           | n/a           | n/a           |

| Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attributes   | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 | FY 2000 | FY 2001 |
| Overall Rate   | 32.3%   | 30.2%   | 28.0%   | 27.6%   | 29.3%   | 32.0%   |
| <b>Gender</b>  |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Males  | 33.4%   | 31.5%   | 29.2%   | 28.8%   | 30.7%   | 33.4%   |
| Females  | 22.9%   | 20.8%   | 17.7%   | 18.1%   | 18.8%   | 21.3%   |
| <b>Type of Release</b>                                     |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)                            | 21.0%   | 20.2%   | 17.8%   | 18.2%   | 19.0%   | 20.2%   |
| Parole   | 31.9%   | 29.6%   | 29.0%   | 25.2%   | 27.1%   | 31.2%   |
| Probation  | 37.4%   | 37.4%   | 36.3%   | 38.4%   | 42.0%   | 44.6%   |
| Youthful Offender Act* - Parole                            | 53.0%   | 48.9%   | 48.7%   | 49.9%   | 52.0%   | 54.1%   |
| Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout                            | 23.5%   | 29.6%   | 21.4%   | 33.3%   | 22.6%   | 26.5%   |
| <b>Age at Release</b>                                      |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Under 25 Years   | 45.4%   | 42.5%   | 38.8%   | 40.0%   | 43.1%   | 45.0%   |
| 26-30 Years  | 32.5%   | 30.5%   | 28.8%   | 27.4%   | 28.5%   | 30.4%   |
| 31-40 Years  | 26.8%   | 26.2%   | 23.4%   | 24.3%   | 25.6%   | 27.7%   |
| Over 40 Years  | 19.2%   | 17.4%   | 18.3%   | 16.3%   | 16.6%   | 21.8%   |
| <b>Program Participation</b>                               |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Pre-Release  | 29.4%   | 30.2%   | 27.9%   | 27.4%   | 27.5%   | 27.7%   |
| Work Program   | 25.1%   | 24.4%   | 21.6%   | 20.4%   | 20.2%   | 24.5%   |
| Labor Crew   | 23.5%   | 23.3%   | 20.6%   | 21.8%   | 21.7%   | 25.4%   |
| Labor Crew/Work Program                                    | 25.3%   | 24.5%   | 21.4%   | 22.4%   | 21.8%   | 25.8%   |
| Prison Industry  | 31.2%   | 30.5%   | 29.8%   | 26.3%   | 27.6%   | 34.7%   |
| <b>Sentence Type</b>                                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Youthful Offender Act*                                     | 52.7%   | 48.5%   | 45.7%   | 49.8%   | 52.0%   | 54.2%   |
| Straight-time  | 27.7%   | 26.1%   | 24.0%   | 23.7%   | 25.5%   | 28.3%   |
| <b>Criminal History</b>                                    |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Had Conviction and/or Commitment                           | 36.3%   | 32.2%   | 29.0%   | 28.6%   | 30.1%   | 32.8%   |
| Had Commitment over 90 days                                | 36.3%   | 32.6%   | 30.1%   | 29.7%   | 32.0%   | 34.6%   |
| With "No Priors" entry                                     | 29.3%   | 20.9%   | 20.9%   | 19.7%   | 22.3%   | 25.1%   |

\* Youthful Offender Act (YOA) inmates serve an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 6 years.